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Radio broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

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[MM Docket No. 97-85, RM-9026]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Belgrade, MT

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document requests comments on a petition filed by Gallatin Valley Witness, Inc., proposing the allotment of Channel 256A to Belgrade, Montana, as that community's second local FM broadcast service. The coordinates for Channel 256A are 45-46-36 and 111-10-36.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before April 21, 1997, and reply comments on or before May 6, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC. 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner's counsel, as follows: Bryan Cave LLP, 700 Thirteenth Street, NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathleen Scheuerle, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 97-85, adopted February 21, 1997, and released February 28, 1997. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the Commission's Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street, NW., Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractors, International Transcription Services,

Inc., 2100 M Street, NW., Suite 140, Washington, DC. 20037, (202) 857-3800.

Provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 do not apply to this proceeding.

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[MM Docket No. 97-83; RM-8948]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Westport, WA

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Chehalis Broadcasting Company proposing the allotment of Channel 267A at Westport, Washington, as the community's first local aural transmission service. Channel 267A can be allotted to Westport in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements at city reference coordinates. The coordinates for Channel 267A at Westport are North Latitude 46-53-24 and West Longitude 124-06-06. Since Westport is located within 320 kilometers (200 miles) of the U.S.-Canadian border, concurrence of the Canadian government has been requested.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before April 21, 1997, and reply comments on or before May 6, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, or its counsel or consultant, as follows: Henry E. Crawford, Esq., 1150 Connecticut Ave., NW., Suite 900, Washington, DC 20036 (Counsel for Petitioner).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sharon P. McDonald, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 97-83, adopted February 21, 1997, and released February 28, 1997. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street, NW., Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc., (202) 857-3800, 2100 M Street, NW., Suite 140, Washington, DC 20037.

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Commercial Availability of Navigation Devices

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission seeks comments on proposals to implement Section 629 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 549, concerning the commercial availability of navigation devices. This notice is prompted by Section 304 of the 1996 Telecommunications Act, which became law on February 5, 1996, adding this provision to the Communications Act. This action is intended to implement the 1996 Act.